

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
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Remarks

Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10, 11, 14-16, 19, 20, 23-25, 28 and 29 are pending in the instant application. In the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2005, the Examiner rejects Claims 1, 2, 4-7, 10, 11, 23-25, 28 and 29. In the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2005, the Examiner has allowed Claims 14-16, 19 and 20. Claims 2, 4 and 5 are amended to depend from Claim 14. The amendments to the claims are supported by the original claims and other portions of the Specification as filed. Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 23-25, 28 and 29 are canceled. Based on the amendments and remarks made herein, Applicants respectfully request that the rejections be withdrawn and that the application be passed to allowance.

1. Rejection of Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, 23-25, 28 and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

In the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2005, the Examiner rejects Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 10, 11, 23-25, 28, and 29 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 5,370,634 issued to Ando (hereinafter "the Ando patent"). Claims 1, 6, 7, 10, 11, 23-25, 28 and 29 have been canceled. Claims 2 and 5 have been amended to depend from Claim 14. Amended Claims 2 and 5 now depend from a claim that has previously been found to be allowable. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 2 and 5 are also allowable. As applied to the presently presented claims, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

2. Rejection of Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

In the Final Office Action mailed April 8, 2005, the Examiner rejects dependent Claim 4 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over the Ando patent. Claim 4 has been amended to depend from Claim 14. Amended Claim 4 now depends from a claim that has previously been found to be allowable. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claim 4 is also allowable. As applied to the presently presented claim, this rejection is respectfully traversed.

3. Allowance of Claims 14-16 and 19-20

In the Final Office Action Mailed April 8, 2005, Claims 14-16 and 19-20 were found to be allowable. The Examiner is thanked for recognizing the allowability of these claims. As discussed in greater detail above, as amended, Claims 2, 4 and 5 all depend from claims that have previously been found to be allowable. Therefore, Applicants submit that Claims 2, 4 and 5 are also allowable.

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4. Conclusion

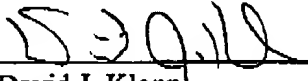
In conclusion, and in view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application and the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request favorable consideration and the timely allowance of pending claims 2, 4, 5, 14-16, 19 and 20. If any additional information is required, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (920) 721-4558.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees (or credit any overpayment) associated with this communication to Kimberly-Clark Worldwide, Inc. deposit account number 11-0875. If a fee is required for an extension of time under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 not accounted for above, such extension is requested and should also be charged to our Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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